1	2	3	4	5
16.	Jugadh	1050	472	578
17.	K' Bhuj	865	471	394
18.	Rajkot	808	446	362
19.	Surendranagar	648	309	339
	Total	18028	8079	9949

[English]

Allotment of Accommodations

2927. SHRI SUKH LAL KUSHWAHA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is great corruption in Estate Office of Northern Railway as the Railway accommodation is being allotted to the staff on out of turn basis on flimsy grounds;

(b) if so whether it is also a fact that some officials of Northern Railway who are working in Railway Board have not yet vacated their accommodation in Delhi;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the number of quarters allotted to the staff on out of turn basis during 1995 and 1996 in Delhi; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to rectify the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) To avoid inconvenience, officers on transfer from Northern Railway to Railway Board and vice versa, are being permitted to retain their accommodation on mutual exchange/pool adjustment basis. Mutual exchange/pool transfer of Central houses with Railway Board/Northern Railway houses are also being permitted at the same station by the Directorate of States, Ministry of Urban Affairs & Employment, the nodal Ministry for such purposes.

(d) Number of quarters allotted to officers, both gazetted and non-gazetted, during the last two years is as under:-

	1995	1996
Officers	6	2
Staff	36	5
Total	42	7

(e) Pool balancing is done periodically by Railway Board and Northern Railway. Currently 12 Houses are in excess on Railway Board side. Steps are being taken to balance the same. Further construction of additional houses in Railway Board pool has been approved.

The numbers of quarters allotted on out of turn consideration is already very minimal and given in exceptional cases only.

Facilities to Railway Employees

2928. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether railway employees are getting the same pay scales and other allowances as other Central Government employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Railway employees are entitled to railway passes anywhere in India, many times a year;

(d) if so, whether the facilities of LTC is stopped for all other retired Central Government employees but it is continued for retired railway personnel, though in a smaller scale;

(e) if so, whether the Government propose to review this decision and issue concession like this to all retired Central Government employees; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). The pay scales allowed to railway employees are as per the recommendations made by the successive pay Commissions, as accepted by the Government. The allowances admissible to railway employees are also based on the orders issued by the nodal Ministries *viz.* Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.

(c) As per the convention existing in the railway systems the worldover, employees serving on Indian Railways are eligible for privilege passes. At present, they are eligible for :-

Category	No. of privilege passes	No. of privilege Ticket Orders
Group A & B	6 sets per year	4 sets per year
Group C & D	(a) 1 set per year upto the 5th year of railway service.	-do-
	(b) 3 sets per year after 5 years of railway service.	-do-

(d) The retired railway employees are entitled for post-retirement complimentary passes on the basis of length of service rendered by them to the railways.

(e) and (f). In so far as Central Government employees are concerned, travel concession facilities are at present available only to serving personnel for being availed during leave at specified scales. These